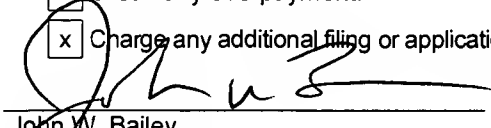


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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 29, 2005, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

No claims are amended.